Appl. No. 10/664,877

Amendment dated: March 2, 2005 Reply to OA of: March 12, 2005

## **REMARKS**

This is in response to the Official Action of February 10, 2005, in connection with the above identified application.

The Official Action is a restriction requirement in which it is urged that there are two separate and distinct inventions claimed in this application. Applicant elects the Group I invention which includes claims 1-15, without traverse. Applicant has canceled the non-elected invention including claims 16-19 but reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected invention at a later time.

In view of the election of the Group I invention, without traverse, an early and favorable action on the merits is now believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

BACON & THOMAS, PLLC

Richard E. Fichter

Registration No. 26,382

625 Slaters Lane, 4<sup>th</sup> Fl. Alexandria, Virginia 22314 Phone: (703) 683-0500 Facsimile: (703) 683-1080

REF:kdd

March 2, 2005